ROCK LEE'S SPRINGTIME OF YOUTH

Chapter 21: Bizarre Beast Tag!

GAI AND KISAME... TWO NINJAS, INTERTWINED DESTINIES, AND A FATEFUL MEETING DURING AMISSION?!

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AND SO WE'VE BEGUN A MISSION...
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WE WILL NOW BEGIN THE ANIMAL CAPTURE MISSION!
LET'S FILL OUR BELLIES SO AS TO NOT HOLD BACK OUR COMRADES WITH OUR HUNGER!
YES SIR!
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I HOPE I'M MISTAKEN BUT...
I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING THAT THOSE PEOPLE I S. W BEFORE LOOKED JUST LIKE UCHIHA ITACHI AND HOSHIGAKI KISAME, MEMBERS OF THE S-RANKED CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION AKATSUKI...
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OOH OOH!
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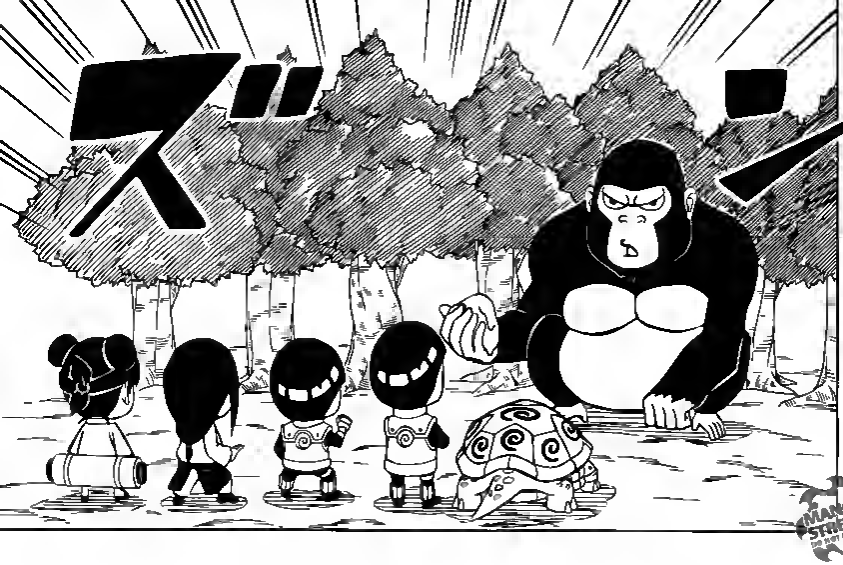
...WHAT'S WRONG, NEJI?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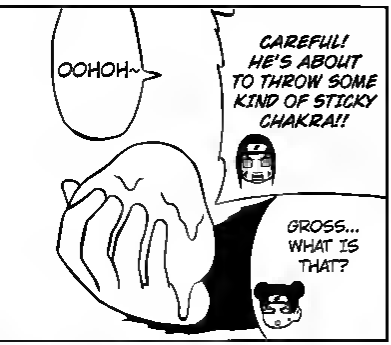
OOHOH~
CAREFUL! HE'S ABOUT TO THROW SOME KIND OF STICKY CHAKRA!!
GROSS... WHAT IS THAT?

SO THIS IS THE BIZARRE-BEAST GORILLA THAT'S BEEN STAMPEDING AROUND USING NINJUTSU!
THAT GORILLA DOES SOUND BIZARRE ..

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WAH!
OOH OOH!

HEY, CAN'T YOU TRY TO REASON WITH HIM?
YOU'RE BOTH ANIMALS, AFTER ALL...
LIKE HELL I CAN!

EH...
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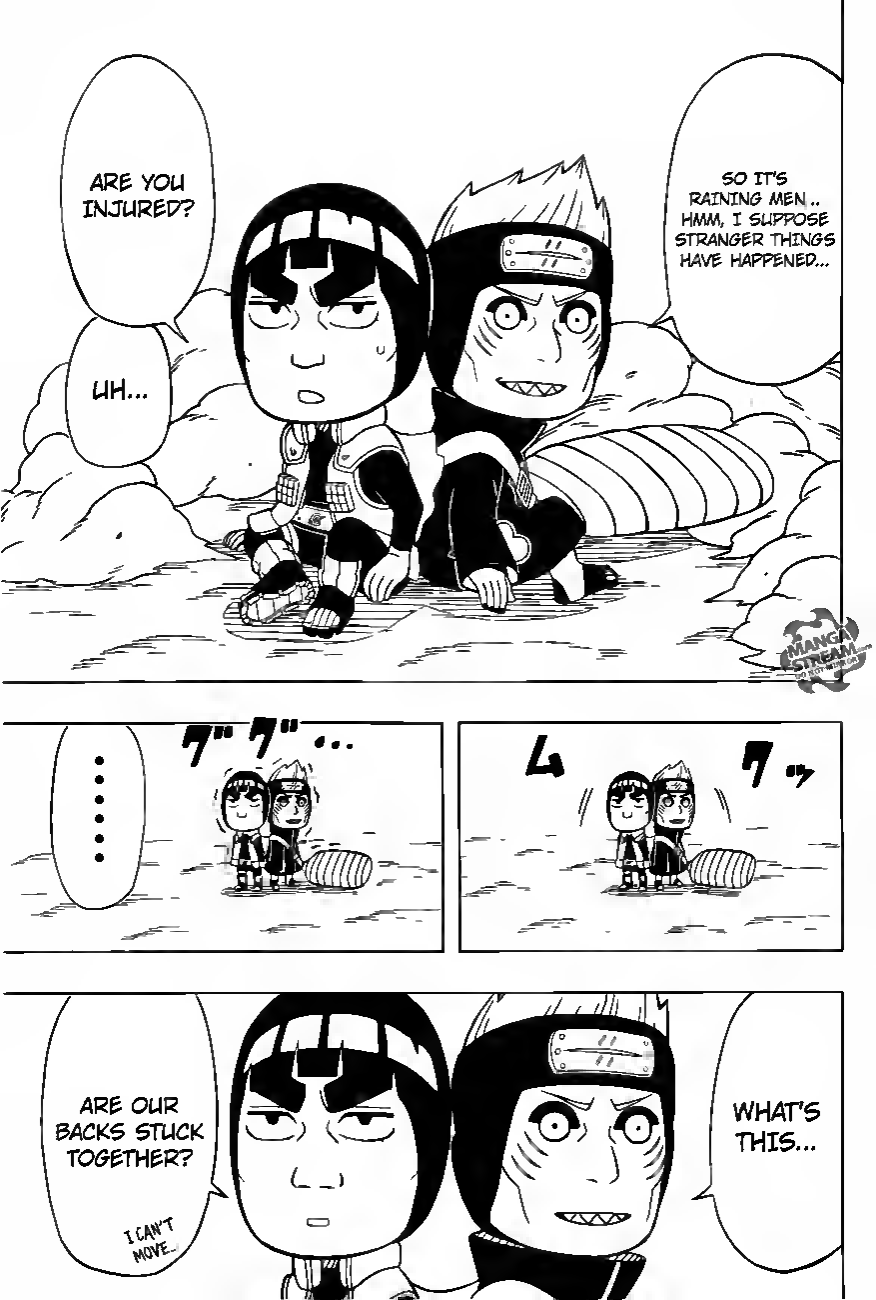
WHY AM I HERE?!
WAA AAAA AHH!!
OWOW... THE TREES BROKE OUR FALL...
CRASH
CRASH
SEN-SEI!
AH! I FELL ON SOMEONE! MY APOLOGIES!
WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS? PEOPLE FALLING FROM THE SKY..


SO IT'S RAINING MEN.. HMM, I SUPPOSE STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED...
ARE YOU INJURED?
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WHAT'S THIS...
ARE OUR BACKS STUCK TOGETHER?
I CAN'T MOVE...

I SEE... SO YOU WERE DRENCHED WITH A BIZARRE FOREST CREATURE'S CHAKRA...
AND THUS, YOU AND I ARE BOUND TOGETHER...
AH...
FURTHERMORE, THIS SUBSTANCE HAS SOAKED ALL THE WAY THROUGH OUR CLOTHES TO THE SKIN...WE'RE COMPLETELY STUCK TOGETHER BACK TO BACK!
NAHAHA! IN OTHER WORDS, THERE'S NO TEARING US APART!
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THIS FELLOW SURE KNOWS HOW TO GET UNDER ONE'S SKIN...
BUT I CAN'T GET A GOOD LOOK AT HIS FACE...
WHO THE HELL AM I STUCK TO?
I GET THE FEELING I'VE HEARD HIS VOICE SOMEWHERE BEFORE, TOO...
WHO IS IT?
WHO'S THERE?
SO THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHO THEY'RE STUCK TO...!
THOSE TWO ARE ATTACHED BACK-TO-BACK AND CAN'T SEE EACH OTHER'S FACES...
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AH! IT'S THAT GORRILLA !!!
TRULY BIZARRE, INDEED!
I WONDER IF IT ISN'T TOO EARLY TO SEEK THE HELP OF A JUTSU-SPECIALIST TO UNBIND US FROM THIS JUTSU...
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OOH OOH OOH OOH!
HM?
HE'S SAYING THAT HE CAN NEVER BE CAPTURED BY A BUNCH OF BIZARRE BEASTS LIKE YOU.
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OOHOOH!
I...I AM...?
HE SAYS NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, YOU'RE THE BIGGEST BIZARRE BEAST OF ALL...
OOHOOH!
W...WHO'S A BIZARRE BEAST...?
HE SAYS YOU ARE...

ALL RIGHT! LET'S DO THIS!
...THEY BOTH ARE BIZARRE, JUST LIKE THE GORILLA SAID...
THE ONE CALLING ME A BIZARRE BEAST IS THAT BIZARRE GORILLA...
IF YOU INTEND TO CAPTURE IT, I'LL OFFER YOU MY ASSISTANCE...

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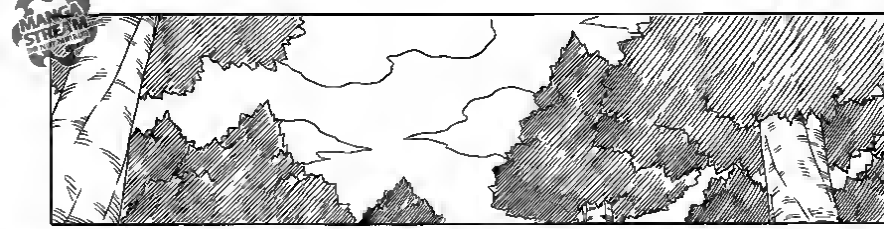

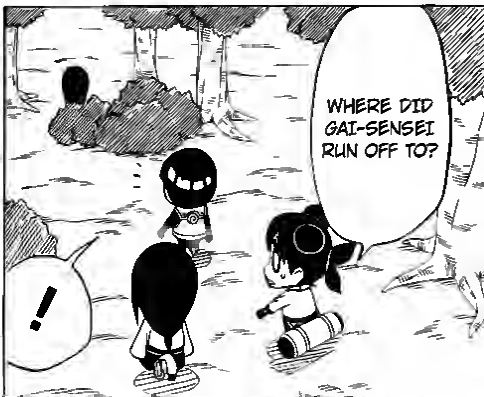

CUT THAT OUT!
AND THEN, WE CAN LAUNCH THE PATENTED "SEXY FOREST CRITTERS TECHNIQUE"...
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HEY, SEN-SEI! IF WE WEAR THESE COSTUMES, WE WILL BE ABLE TO SNEAK UP ON THAT GORILLA!
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HM?
UHHH. .YOU ARE TERRIBLE, TENTEN...
GEEZ, THAT WAS ABOUT TO GET REALLY WEIRD...
GAI-SENSEI'S HAIR ISN'T THAT LONG...
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...UH, THAT GUY... ISN'T GAI, IS HE?

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SORRY, BUT I'M NOT GAI.
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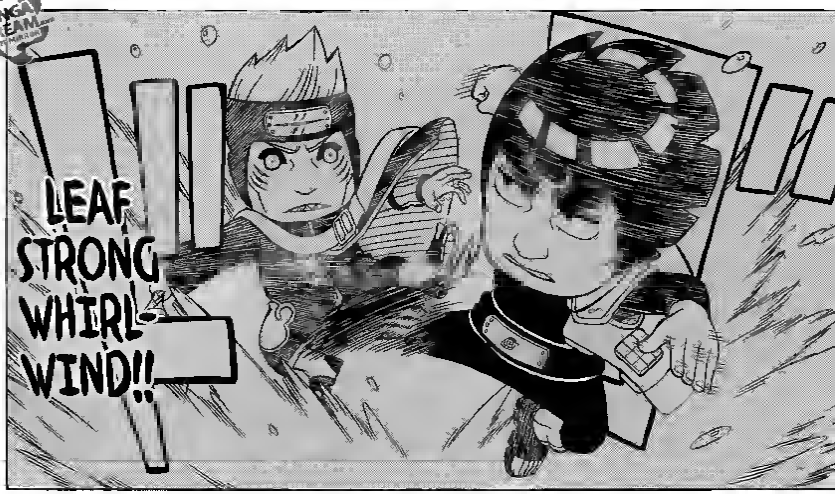
TH... THAT'S UCHIHA ITACHI!!
HE LOOKS RIDICULOUS.

NEJI!
EVERY-ONE, STAY ON YOUR GUARD!
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE RAN INTO UCHIHA ITACHI IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
YOU GUYS ARE KONOHA NINJA...
FURTHER-MORE...
UCHIHA ITACHI IS SASUKE'S OLDER BROTHER AS WELL AS A MISSING-NIN
NEJI, YOU CARE ABOUT STUFF LIKE CHARACTER DYNAMICS?
NEJI NII-SAN!
NII-SAN!
BOTH OF OUR CHARACTERS ARE PART OF THE "BIG BROTHER" ARCHETYPE!
MANGA STREAM
WE WERE JUST IN THE MIDDLE OF LOOKING FOR GAI-SENSEI...
EH?
I'M ONLY HERE TO SEARCH FOR MY MISSING COMRADE.
RELAX, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF ATTACKING YOU...

...WHAT? SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT KISAME AND GAI ARE BOTH SOMEWHERE IN THAT FOREST...

UH, WHAT?

IN THE PAST, THOSE TWO...



I AM KONOHA'S SUBLIME GREEN BEAST OF PREY, MIGHTO GAI!

HOW IS THAT ANY DIFFERENT FROM A BIZARRE BEAST.

THEY HAVE SOMETHING OF A CONNECTION...

IT'S LIKELY THAT THOSE TWO ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN BATTLE...

WHA?!

I SAID THIS BEFORE, BUT I WON'T ATTACK YOU...
I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST TO HELP EACH OTHER LOOK FOR OUR COMRADES.
IT'S THREE VS ONE...BUT OUR OPPONENT IS UCHIHA ITACHI...
LOCATING GAI-SENSEI COMES FIRST...
OF COURSE...
WELL THEN...
YOU'RE GOING TO GO LOOKING LIKE THAT?!
AS EXPECTED, WE CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THAT BIZARRE GORILLA IN THIS CONDITION.
HAH! I'LL TEACH THAT GORILLA WHICH ONE OF US IS A BIZARRE BEAST!
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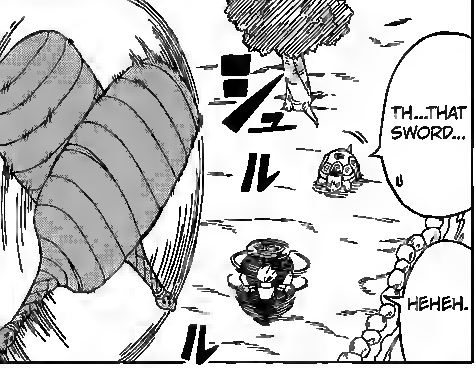
UH, NO MATTER HOW YOU SLICE IT, YOU GUYS LOOK WAY MORE BIZARRE!
UUWO OOOOO OOAAA AAAA AHHH! H!!!!!
MANGA STREAM
MASSIVE SEVERE LEAF HURRI-CANE!!
OOHHO!
WH...WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!
HEHEH... THIS IS THE TRUE ESSENCE OF SPEED! AND THE TRUE ESSENCE OF TRAINING!
OOHOOH!
HERE WE GO !!!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TH...THAT SWORD...
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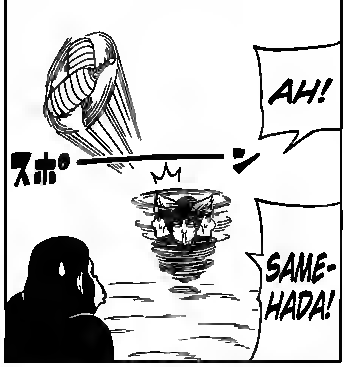
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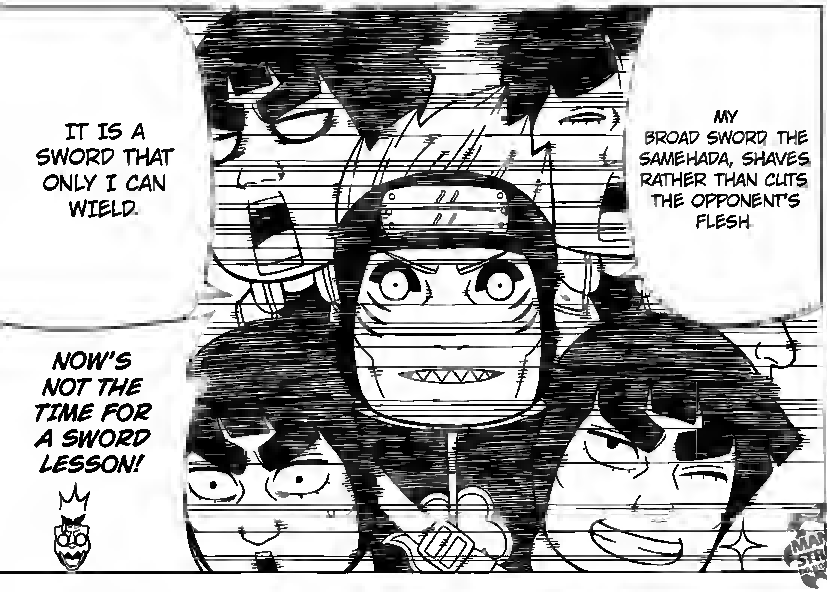
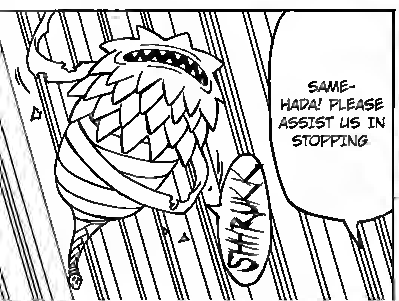
SAME-HADA!


IT IS A SWORD THAT ONLY I CAN WIELD.
MY BROAD SWORD THE SAMEHADA, SHAVES RATHER THAN CUTS THE OPPONENT'S FLESH
NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR A SWORD LESSON!


SAME-HADA! PLEASE ASSIST US IN STOPPING
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SORRY, BUT I CAN'T STOP SPINNING.
WHAT?!

OWOWOW! I'M BEING RIPPED TO PIECES!!
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GIGIGI...
THAT'S THE SWORD'S IDEA OF ASSISTANCE?!
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WATER RELEASE: WATER SHARK BULLET TECHNIQUE!
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NOW, IT'S TIME FOR ONE OF MY JUTSU..
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GURGLE GURGLE
HMM... SO YOU AREN'T THE TYPE OF PERSON THAT USES GILLS TO BREATHE UNDERWATER?
MOST PEOPLE AREN'T, YOU KNOW!

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WITH THIS JUTSU, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THE FACE OF THE MAN STUCK TO MY BACK...

WATER CLONE TECH-NIQUE!
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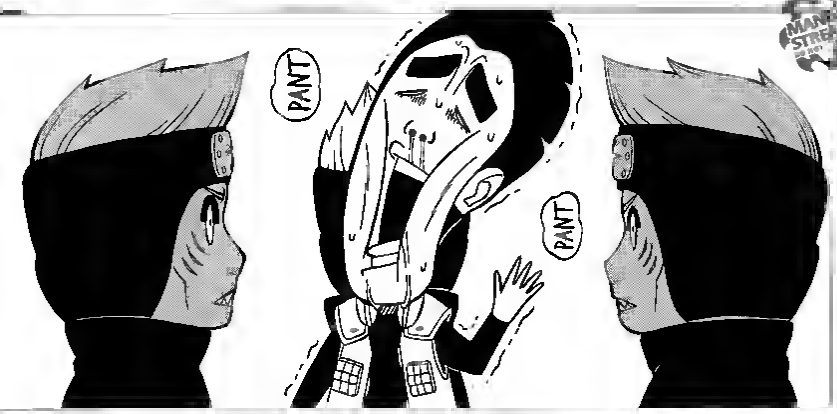
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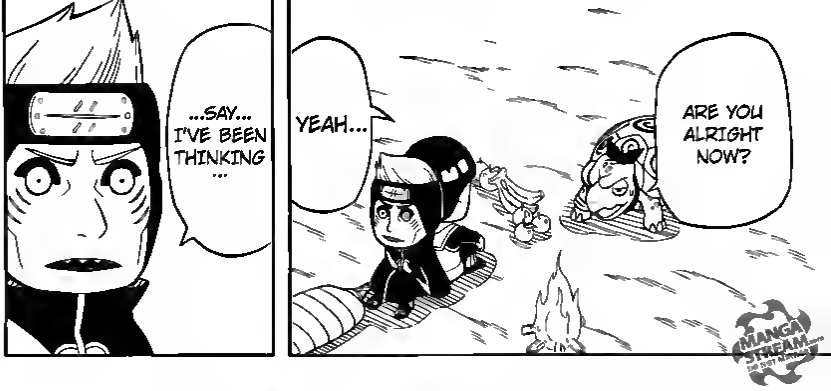
...HE GOT AWAY...
HIS FACE IS SO BEAT UP HE COULD BE ANYBODY...


...SAY... I'VE BEEN THINKING ...
YEAH...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT NOW?
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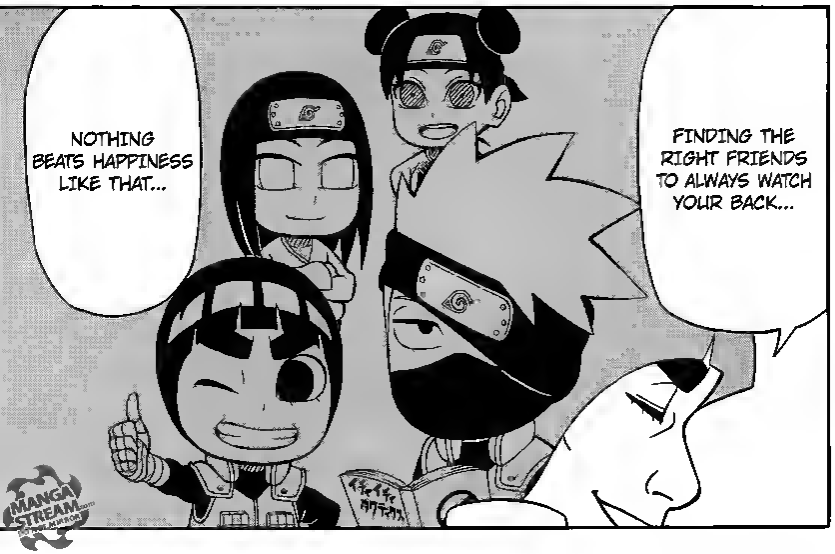
HEY, WAIT A SECOND! I WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS ALIVE!
WOULDN'T IT BE BEST TO USE THE SAMEHADA TO FREE OURSELVES FROM THIS PREDICAMENT...
GIGI...

IF WE RELY ON THE PASSION OF YOUTH, WE'LL CATCH THAT APE, NO PROBLEM!
HEY, WHATEVER.

RIGHT...
HEH... PASSION IS POWER!
A GREAT RIVAL IS A GREAT COMRADE!
THE PASSION OF YOUTH ..
I'M NOT SURE SUCH A THING APPLIES TO ME...


NOTHING BEATS HAPPINESS LIKE THAT...
FINDING THE RIGHT FRIENDS TO ALWAYS WATCH YOUR BACK...
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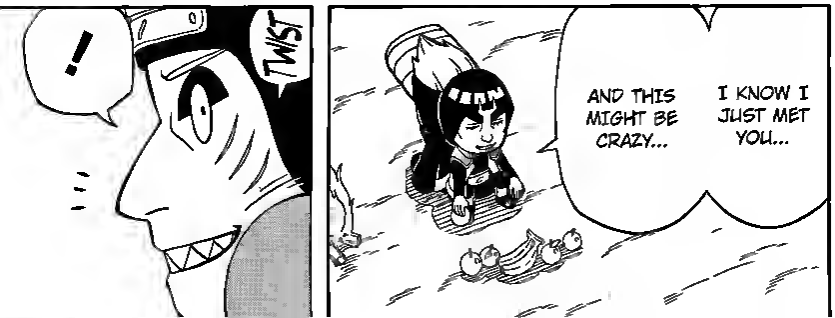
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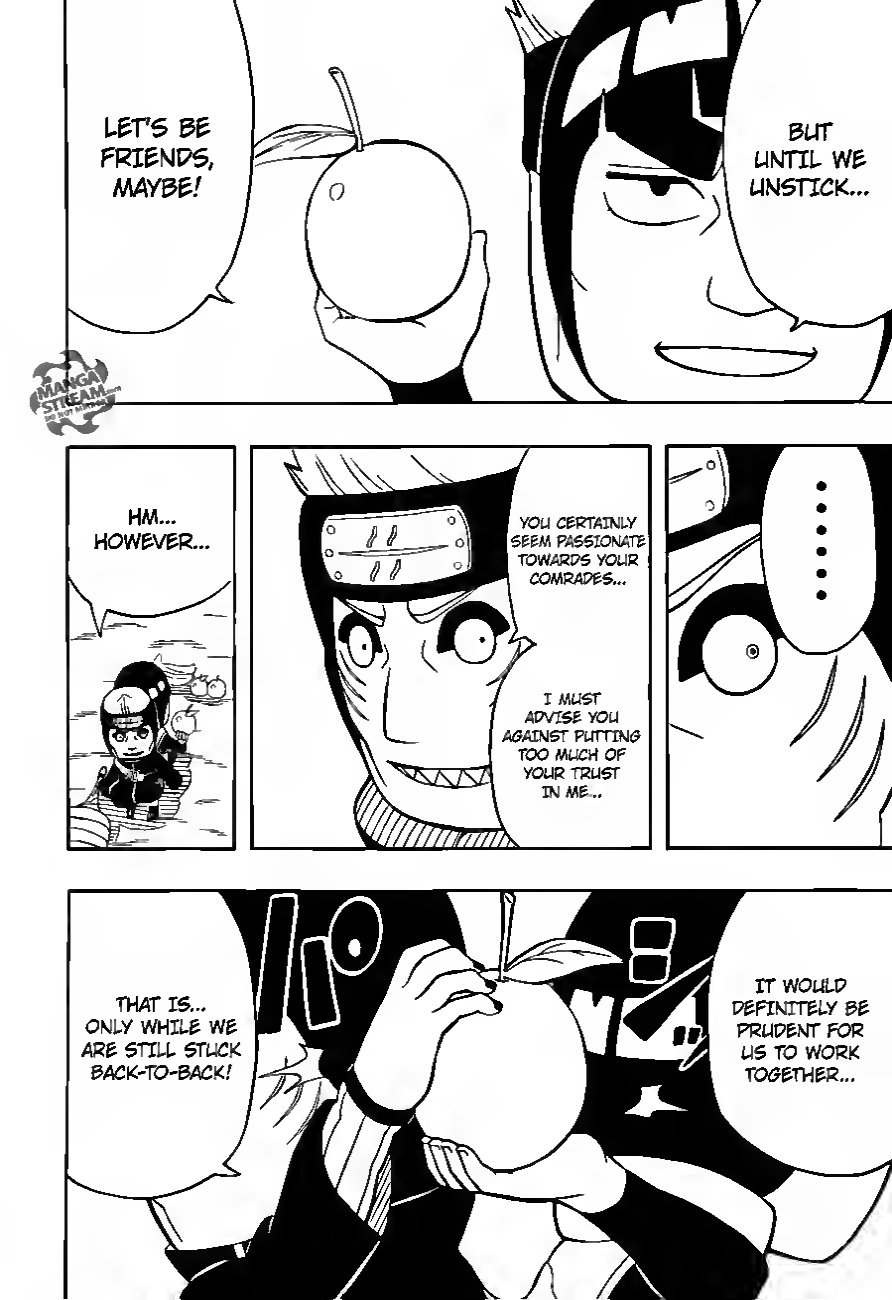
TWIST
AND THIS MIGHT BE CRAZY...
I KNOW I JUST MET YOU...


LET'S BE FRIENDS, MAYBE!
BUT UNTIL WE UNSTICK...
HM... HOWEVER...
YOU CERTAINLY SEEM PASSIONATE TOWARDS YOUR COMRADES...
I MUST ADVISE YOU AGAINST PUTTING TOO MUCH OF YOUR TRUST IN ME...
THAT IS... ONLY WHILE WE ARE STILL STUCK BACK-TO-BACK!
IT WOULD DEFINITELY BE PRUDENT FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER...

THAT IS IT!
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OOHOOOOOOO~
HEHEH...IT WORKED.
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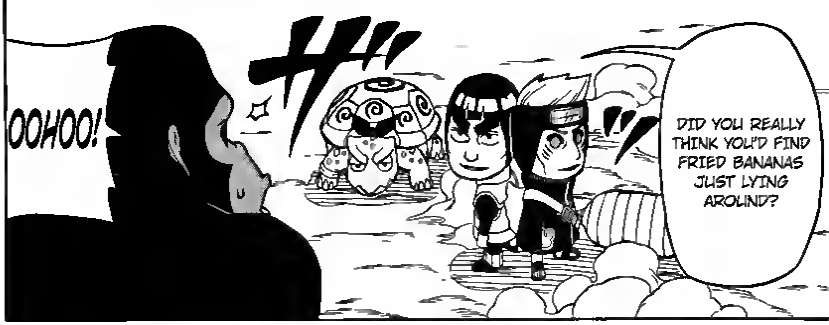
OOH OOH OO!!



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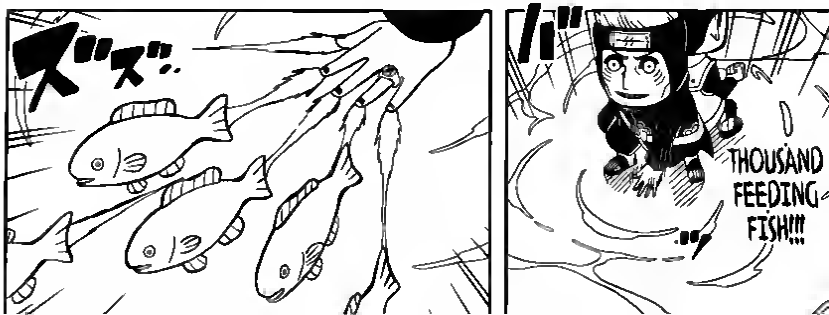

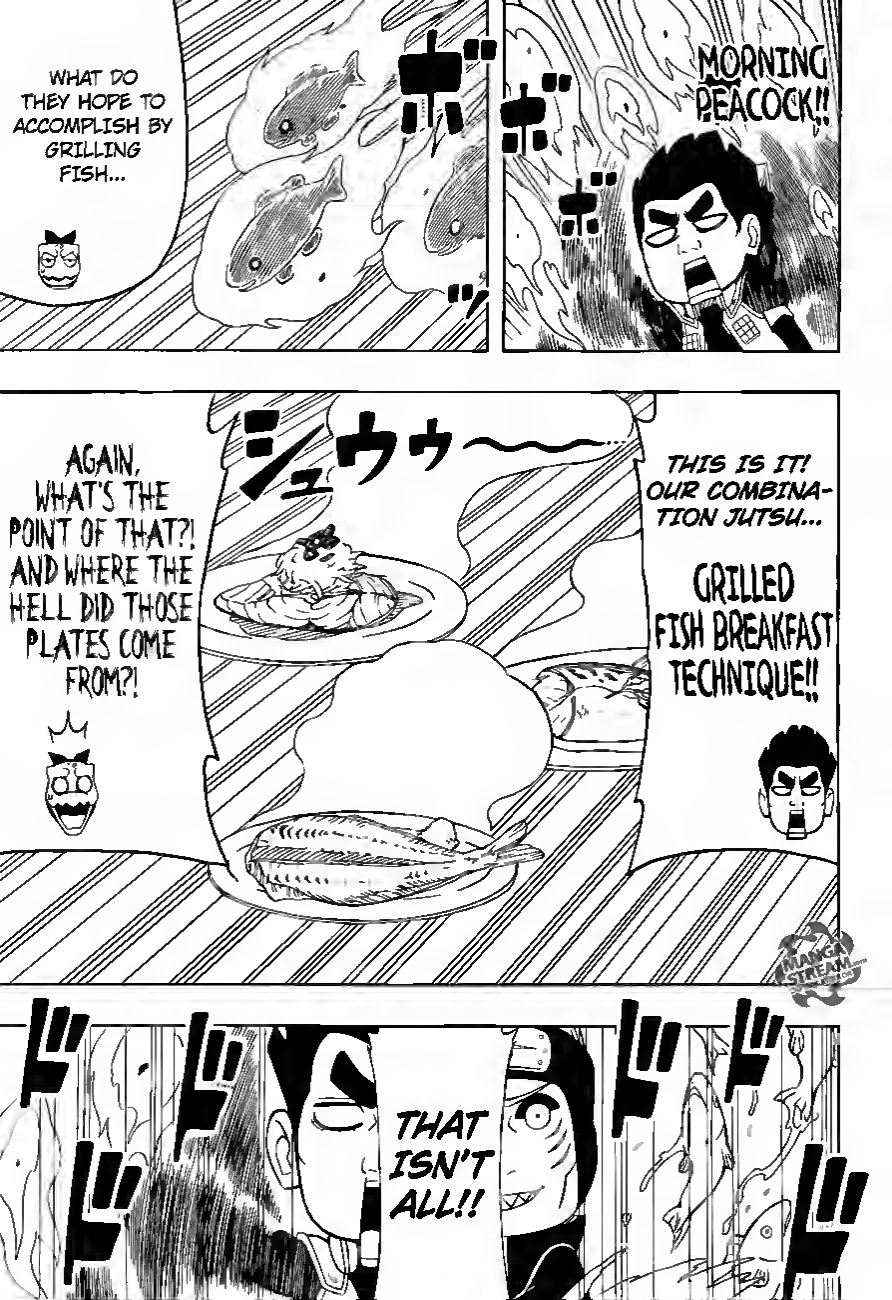
WHAT DO THEY HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH BY GRILLING FISH...
MORNING PEACOCK!!
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AGAIN, WHAT'S THE POINT OF THAT?! AND WHERE THE HELL DID THOSE PLATES COME FROM?!
THIS IS IT! OUR COMBINATION JUTSU...
GRILLED FISH BREAKFAST TECHNIQUE!!
MANGA STREAM
THAT ISN'T ALL!!

THEY'RE SUDDENLY DRESSED UP LIKE CONTESTANTS ON A COOKING SHOW!!
FULL SEAFOOD COURSE FOR A THOUSAND GUESTS TECHNIQUE!!
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MM...
SMOKE BOMBS..
I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT'S GOING ON..
BUT I'D RATHER NOT WAIT AROUND AND BE UP AGAINST TWO MEMBERS OF AKATSUKI..
JUMP JUMP
JUMP
...WELL, WELL...
HE'S ALREADY LEAVING... WHAT AN IMPATIENT FELLOW...
ITACHI...
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...
YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'VE BEEN HAVING A LOT OF FUN, KISAME...

...WHAT'S WRONG?
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MANGA STREAM
SOME-WHERE BEFORE ...?
...HOWEVER, HAVEN'T I HEARD THAT VOICE. .
I DIDN'T RETURN THE COSTUME..
MM...
IT APPEARS YOU'VE BEEN HAVING SOME FUN OF YOUR OWN.
PANT
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LET'S GO, KISAME
WELL, NO MATTER. I GET THE FEELING I'LL BE SEEING THAT MAN AGAIN, SOMEWHERE...

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE GOT AWAY FROM AKATSUKI'S HOSHIGAKI KISAME...
HM...
HOLD THE PHONE! THAT WATER-STYLE NINJUTSU! THAT SWORD! WAS THAT
SOMEONE I'VE MET BEFORE, I WONDER ...?
AND THIS GUY STILL CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT ANY-BODY!!
OOO HOO OOO OO-
THE GORILLA HAS ES-CAPED!
WAIT!
WHY...AGAIN WITH THAT GORILLA ..
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS, KISAME ..
OOOO HOO!
AND THE CYCLE BEGINS ANEW?
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